

# News *from the* City of Gardner

A newsletter published for the residents of the City of Gardner  
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## Focusing on Transportation

When driving through Gardner, anticipate changes. Currently, the City of Gardner has several important projects under construction that will make your drive better once complete. There are also several projects that are at concept and design phase that will improve how you get to and from your destination in town.



North Center Street construction is progressing as contractors work on stabilizing the base for asphalt on the west side. Access across Center may be limited at times during this process, so use alternate routes to avoid delay. In addition to paving the street, curb and gutter will be placed along the west side before the contractor moves to the east side of North Center. Installation of the roadway is anticipated to be complete before school opens in the fall.

The City recently reconfigured the signal at Main and Center Street to run more efficiently, especially at peak times. Additionally, the consultant is completing a recommendation for improvement to the

current signalization at Moonlight and Main Street. Once this is installed, it will help meet the demands on the intersection while plans for the expansion of Moonlight and Main Street are being developed.

Lincoln Lane east of Moonlight Road will be rebuilt later this summer. The project will add curb and gutters to the road and provide a new surface to service all the development in the area. Stone Creek Road will be constructed off of East Lincoln Lane this year as well, connecting the new Moonlight Commons and New Century Plaza shopping areas to New Century Parkway.

Across the way, plans are being designed for Lincoln Road west of Moonlight to Cedar Street. This phase of the work on Lincoln Lane will be constructed during 2006 and include new street surface, curb and gutter.

In a couple of months work will also begin on Highway 56 and on Santa Fe at Cedar Niles Road. This work is being done to better facilitate traffic movement in the area. Growth south of Main Street and the new developments and expansion to businesses in the area make this work a necessity. It should be completed by spring 2006.

For updates visit [www.gardnerkansas.com](http://www.gardnerkansas.com).

## Plant to Expand —Water Conservation Still Needed

Engineering work has begun on the Hillsdale Water Plant expansion and construction is anticipated to begin later this year with completion in 2006. The expansion is necessary to meet the growing demands of Gardner. The plant can currently provide up to 2 million gallons a day capacity. The expansion will make the capacity 4 million gallons a day. Thus far this season we have seen several days at near capacity due to demands of lawn watering. We are seeking your assistance in using water wisely.

In an effort to help balance out the water production

during these dry and hot summer days, it is best if *even numbered houses water on even days and odd numbered houses water on odd numbered days*. Additionally, to get the most out of your water, make sure it is done before 10 a.m. or later in the evenings.



For water saving tips visit the City of Gardner's website -- [www.gardnerkansas.com](http://www.gardnerkansas.com).

# The Mayor's Message



Dear Residents,

I want to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the residents of Gardner for making the decision to approve the retail sales tax increase of one-half of one percent (.5%) by a resounding margin. The renovations and expansion of the Gardner Swimming Pool and the new Community Park will provide a whole new recreational experience for Gardner residents when they open in 2007. This summer Parks and Recreation will work to finalize plans for the two new recreation facilities and begin the work on construction documents for the new facilities so that work can begin next year.

The approval of the sales tax says a lot about Gardner and its residents. It says we welcome the new families to our City. It says we want to provide great places to play, to swim, to walk and to enhance our family values. It says we are progressive, planning for our growth and providing for our future. Most of all, it says we care.

In addition to these two projects the City continues to work on many more important projects that we have highlighted for you in this edition of the community newsletter. Gardner is working toward meeting the challenges of growth on many fronts, from streets to parks, to water and wastewater. These are challenges we are meeting everyday as we work towards making a better future for all of us who live, work and play in Gardner.

Have a safe, happy and cool summer!

## Johnson County Fair Comes To Gardner in August!

The City of Gardner welcomes the Johnson County Fair  
August 8-13, 2005

Events include:

- August 8** — Open Youth Rodeo at 6:00 p.m.
- August 9** — Bands at Cornerstone Park at 8:00 p.m.
- August 9** — Family Fun Night beginning at 5:00 p.m.
- August 10** — Mini Hot Rod Tractor Pull at 7:00 p.m.
- August 11** — Bull Blast & Barrel Racing at 7:00 p.m.
- August 12** — Amateur Flat Track Races begin at 6:30 p.m.
- August 13** — Annual Fair Parade at 11 a.m.
- August 13** — Demolition Derby at 7:00 p.m.



Visit [www.jocokansasfair.com](http://www.jocokansasfair.com) for more details.

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## Public Improvements For 2005

### East Lift Station

Work continues on the construction of the east lift station storage tank. Rainy weather in early June briefly slowed construction on the tank and road surface to the new facility. The project is now scheduled to be completed by the end of July.

### Northside Lift Station:

The wastewater line along North Center to 167th Street is complete. The north phase of the wastewater line is progressing. The design engineer is completing plans for the new lift station, detention tank and force main. Construction on the lift station is anticipated to start in September 2005 with completion in 2006.



### Bull Creek Wastewater Plant Conversion

Engineering work has begun to convert the Bull Creek Wastewater Plant to a Lift Station, which will transport the wastewater to the Kill Creek Treatment Facility upon completion. Currently, the City operates two wastewater facilities.

### Electric Substation No. 3

Work has begun on the electric substation No. 3 and transmission line project. The substation will improve electrical service to existing customers in northwest Gardner and will provide power for the new development in the area. Currently, the contractor is making modifications to Substation No. 2 at Moonlight and Main Streets to connect the transmission lines that will lead to the new Substation No. 3. This work is nearly fifty percent complete. Construction of the transmission lines along Moonlight Road and 167th Street to the new substation will begin later this summer and continue into the fall.

### Downtown Sidewalk Replacement

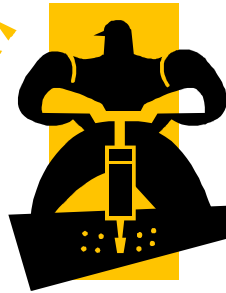
The Downtown Sidewalk Replacement Project is proceeding quickly. Work to replace the sidewalks is scheduled to be completed by the first of August. Installation of trees will occur this fall when the weather is more conducive. Shops remain open during the construction process, so do not forget to shop your downtown merchants.

### Water Line Replacement Project

New waterlines will be installed in several locations throughout Gardner between June and October. This work is necessary to improve the quality and quantity of water service, as well as eliminate old water mains that have been maintenance problems in the past. The construction started the week of June 20. This project, including surface restoration, is anticipated to be completed in November. The following areas will receive new water lines this summer:

- Washington—Maple to Cedar
- Cedar—Shawnee to Lincoln Lane
- Center—Park to Main
- Meadowbrook Cir-S. of Warren
- Oak-Main to Washington
- Shawnee-Oak to Ott Lane
- Hickory-Grand to Locust
- Jefferson-Pine to Walnut

The Water Line Replacement Project will use directional boring to reduce the impact on mature trees and driveways. For more information visit the City's website at [www.gardnerkansas.com](http://www.gardnerkansas.com).



## Community Calendar

American Legion  
Free Fireworks Celebration on **July 4th**  
Gardner-Edgerton High School at approximately 9:30 p.m.

City Offices Closed in honor of July 4th Holiday on Monday, **July 4th**

**Council Meeting for July 4th reschedule to July 11th at 6 p.m.**

Hot Town Summer's in the City  
**July 18th-23rd**  
Drawings Held Daily  
*Come celebrate 100 years of the original Farmers Bank Building located at the northwest corner of Main and Elm Streets on July 23rd*  
Sponsored by Downtown Merchants

Prairie Punisher Duathlon & 5K Run/Walk  
**July 30th 7:00 a.m.** at Gardner-Edgerton High School  
[www.gardnerparks.com](http://www.gardnerparks.com)

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**Downtown Sidewalk Work in Progress**

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## Public Improvements For 2005 (continued)...

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### Asphalt/Concrete Rehabilitation

The 2005 Concrete Repair and Replacement project began in early June. After the concrete repair and replacement is completed in an area, new asphalt will be laid. The contractor will be posting notices on homes affected at least 48 hours prior to work on each street. Check to see if your street is part of the ongoing maintenance to extend the life of the City's streets.

- Pinewood—Moonlight to Redwood
- Spruce—Colleen to Westhoff
- E. Madison—White to Moonlight
- Park—Center to Mulberry (including off street parking)
- McCaffree—Parma Way to Cul-de-Sac
- Mulberry—Main to Park
- Alder—Madison to Lincoln

In addition to the asphalt resurfacing program, the City will also be replacing concrete curbs, handicap ramps, and ditch liners at various locations throughout the community.



### **Schedule of Public Meetings** **(120 E. Main Street)**

#### **City Council Regular Meetings**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

#### **City Council Work Session**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m.

#### **Planning Commission Regular Meetings**

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 8:00 p.m. and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

#### **Gardner Municipal Court**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, the Wednesday following the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday and the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month  
(All court sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.)

#### **Website Address**

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